

# COUNTY OF HYDE

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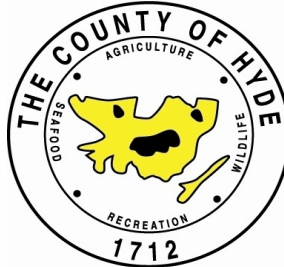
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### NC Sea Grant Proposed Project

The Hyde County OPED is working with NC Sea Grant on a proposal entitled, "Sea Grant Climate Adaptation Initiative 2013: Implementing Comprehensive Community Resilience Planning in St. Mary's, GA and Hyde County, NC." The long-term sustainability of human and natural communities like Hyde County, and other coastal communities, will require careful adaptation planning and associated management strategies that provide resilience to a wide range of future climate and extreme event scenarios. It is increasingly recognized that employment of facilitation and planning strategies that focus on identification of critical infrastructure vulnerabilities, flood risk prevention and mitigation, and future resilience of valued natural systems is important to the future of coastal communities.

The project, if selected, will specify policy adaptation options for local government consideration to be developed in coordination with recommendations from the most recent Community Rating Systems (CRS) guidebook. The linkage of local adaptation actions to the CRS credit system, which can translate into potential reductions in Federal Flood Insurance Program premiums for community residents, provides a tangible near-term economic benefit that can be expected to increase the likelihood of project recommendations being adopted by the local government and accepted by citizens.

If selected, the Hyde County OPED will work with NC Sea Grant and coordinate with Hyde Cooperative Extension, Soil & Water, the Manager's Office, community stakeholders and citizens for successful completion of project goals.

*Please see Attachment: "Sea Grant Climate Adaptation Initiative 2013: Implementing Comprehensive Community Resilience Planning in St. Mary's, GA and Hyde County, NC." for more information.*